

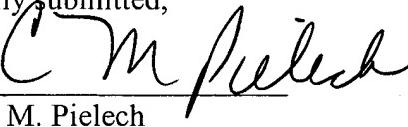
**REMARKS**

Minor amendments to correct claim dependency, correct "tape" to "bonding element" and add antecedent support for "the seam" are made. Support for these changes can be found in the specification, figures and original claims.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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